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Mammography Online Scheduling Offered for Pace and Pensacola

PACE, Fla. – Women in need of a screening mammogram can now schedule their appointment conveniently online for Sacred Heart’s Ann L. Baroco Center for Breast Health in Pace and Pensacola by visiting ascension.org/sacredmammo.

“Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, with the exception of skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer death in women,” said Kerrie Sessions, director of diagnostic services at Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola. “Though a screening mammogram takes less than 30 minutes, many women rationalize that they can’t afford to spend that time on themselves. So we’ve grown our services and added online scheduling to help meet the needs of busy women in our community.”

Along with online scheduling, automatic annual reminders help women keep up with their needed screenings.

Three-dimensional mammography is also offered at the Pace location. 3D imaging allows doctors to examine breast tissue layer by layer, diagnosing cancer more accurately than with flat images produced by conventional two-dimensional mammograms. 3D mammograms take about the same amount of time as a two-dimensional exam and are especially important for the nearly 50 percent of women between the ages of 40 and 74 who have been diagnosed with dense breasts. Three-dimensional imaging captures the fine details in dense breasts that may not be visible in a two-dimensional image.

In addition to onsite radiologists with an average of 25 years of experience, Sacred Heart offers digital mammography with computer-aided detection that provides an electronic "second opinion" of mammograms. The computer-aided detection reads and analyzes the films and marks suspicious areas that may be associated with cancer. This assists the radiologists by targeting areas on a mammogram that may warrant additional evaluation.

Should breast cancer be found, Sacred Heart’s nurse navigator supports and guides newly diagnosed breast cancer patients along every step of treatment and follow-up care, including coordinating appointment scheduling.

The Ann L. Baroco Center for Breast Health is a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, designated by the American College of Radiology. Patients from all community doctors are welcome. Referrals are not required, and most major insurances are accepted.

The Ann L. Baroco Center offers screening mammography both at Sacred Heart Medical Park at Pace, located at 3754 Hwy. 90, and on the Pensacola hospital campus at 5147 North Ninth Ave. For questions or more information, please call 850-416-8078. Appointments can be requested online at ascension.org/sacredmammo.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals in Florida and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ more than 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 156,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia, while its Solutions Division provides a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension's own group purchasing organization. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit www.sacred-heart.org.

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